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Borough Gearing Up for 53rd Labor Day Parade



The borough is currently gearing up for the 53rd annual Labor Day parade. Pictured above is Little Louie and the Belairs, a popular local band in South Plainfield, performing on a float during the 1964 Labor Day Parade. Members of the band are Tommy Maltese, Ed Arozamena, Joe Falcone and 'Little' Louie Durnyea. Today, Arozamena "D.J. Stick Shift Eddie" is a deejay for local car shows and other events in town. For more on this year's festivities, see the ad on page 6. We are currently seeking photos from the early years of the parades. Call the editor at (908) 668-0010.



Expect Miracles: Tiger Nation for Nancy Aug. 26

Nancy McMahon, resident of South Plainfield for 16 years, was suddenly stricken with a serious heart malfunction and recently received a heart transplant. Nancy is recovering nicely but needs our support.

Nancy's two children attend South Plainfield High School and participate in multiple sports as well. Nancy and her husband have devoted many years to coaching the children of South Plainfield and both are very involved with the Ponytail Association.

To assist Nancy, Tiger Nation for Nancy is sponsoring a softball game versus 95.5 WPLJ on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (Field 4).

Food, drinks and prizes will be available from the WPLJ Fan Van. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue. Checks can be made payable to South Plainfield PAL, with "Nancy McMahon" in the memo. Please help support Nancy and her family in their time of need.

For more information, call Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-5596.



(L-R) Mayor Charles Butrico, Detective Richard Costello and Congressman Leonard Lance.

Richard Costello Named State Trooper of the Year

Det. Richard Costello, a resident of South Plainfield, was honored by Congressman Leonard Lance and the Borough Council at Monday's meeting for being named the 2009 Trooper of the Year, one of the most prestigious awards given by the New Jersey State Police.

Congressman Lance presented Costello with a flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol. Mayor Charles Butrico presented him with a proclamation on behalf of the mayor and council. Butrico said he was doubly honored since he was the one who performed Costello's marriage ceremony a few years ago. He and wife Rianna reside in South Plainfield with their two children.

Costello is a member of the division's Metro North Unit in Irvington. He was a road trooper for a little more than two years before being assigned to Metro North four years ago. The Metro North Unit works cooperatively with the Irvington Police Department; a similar unit is supplementing efforts of the Police Department in Camden.

Costello has been involved in approximately 100 cases with the unit this year, contributing to more than 400 arrests. He has also worked with the FBI, DEA and the New Jersey State Police Street Gang Unit. He received a Commendation of Merit for aiding the FBI in its efforts.

School Board Appoints New Law Firm

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education voted 7-1 on a resolution to replace its legal counsel of Schwartz Simon Edelstein Celso & Zitomer of Morristown and appoint the law firm of Schenck Price Smith & King also of Morristown during a special meeting held August 3. The board has worked with attorney Nicholas Celso and his firm for many years. "It was a tough decision," said Pio Pennisi, vice president of the board.

According to Pennisi the board took this action in order to retain three attorneys—Mark Zitomer, Joe Roselle and Robin Ballard, a special education attorney. The three had worked closely with the board for the past three years and recently joined the newly appointed law firm. The annual retainer of \$7,600 will cover attendance at up to 24 board meetings a year and routine telephone and correspondence contact. The fee for

work outside of meetings for senior counsel and partners will be \$165 an hour, and \$155 for junior associates. The new arrangement eliminates the administrative fee of 2.75% of the amount billed for legal services to cover costs such as postage, photocopying; online time for computerized legal research, secretarial costs and telephone calls that were charged by the previous law firm.

Board member Carol Byrne, who voted against the resolution, said, "I didn't feel the need to change. Nick Celso has a unique perspective on schools and its needs from his background. He has been a principal, a school board member for Green Brook Township and has an educational supervisor certification. He and his firm have been with this district for 14½ years." Byrne added that she believes the time to make the change should occur at their next reorganization meeting in April.



Acting Chief of Police Paul Brembt

Acting Chief To Retire

By Jane Dornick

After four months as Acting Chief of Police, Paul Brembt has decided to officially retire from the force effective April 1, 2011 with his last active day being Friday, Sept. 10. He took over former Police Chief John Ferraro's position on April 16, who retired after 28 years.

Brembt is a 25-year veteran of the South Plainfield Police Department, having been promoted to the rank of captain in 2005 and commanding the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau and Staff Services. He is also the department's grant writer and a community policing advocate who also headed up

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planning board

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Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 Dec. 7.

zoning board of adjustment

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Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11*, Dec. 9.*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the whole meetings: Sept. 15, Oct. 13,

Nov. 10, Dec. 8. 2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

Regular Public Meeting: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15. 2011: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 6.

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7621

Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 2011

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Monday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

In My Opinion

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee accuracy.

Dear Editor,

In April of 2009 South Plainfield resident Nancy McMahon was diagnosed with a serious heart malfunction. Shortly thereafter, a small group of her friends and family got together and decided to put together a fundraiser to raise money for Nancy and her family. The intention of the group was to do something immediately and then again after her transplant. We held the original Tiger Nation for Nancy in June 2009, and the turnout was overwhelming. On June 26, 2010 Nancy received her new heart. The transplant was successful and Nancy is doing great. Now it is time for the post transplant event. Nancy's only wish is to get back a sense of normalcy to her life, so she made me promise her that this would be the last organized event on her behalf (and anyone who knows Nancy knows how convincing she can be!).

Through the efforts of Mary Cargill, some of the coaches and scorekeepers affiliated with the 2010 Ponytail All-Stars will be playing a softball game vs. radio station 95.5 WPLJ on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at Field 4 at the Junior Baseball Club. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the PAL for \$5. The WPLJ Fan Van will be on hand to give out prizes. There will be a 50/50 raffle, food, beer and soda as well. Tiger Nation mugs and t-shirts will also be on sale. We really want to get a great turnout for Nancy, who will be on hand to throw out the first pitch, so please come and support the game.

At the original Tiger Nation for Nancy event, I was asked to describe Nancy McMahon in one word. The word that came to mind was "infectious." Anyone who has had the pleasure of getting to meet her would attest. Combine the person that Nancy is with the ability of this town to rally

around a worthwhile cause and I know this last event will be a huge success.

KEVIN HUGHES

Dear Editor,

As the vice president of the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees, I am grateful that the need for a different location for the library is being discussed by the citizens of South Plainfield. The board of trustees is most thankful to Mayor Buttrico for setting up a committee that can help us find a solution to giving the citizens of South Plainfield a larger library which this community has a need for and deserves. The founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, had realized the need for public libraries when this country was founded. It is the American way to have its citizens educated and knowledgeable.

The board of trustees must make decisions that will be for the good of all. Some facts that the public must be made aware of:

1.) The present library cannot be expanded in any direction. The library board has researched this thoroughly. The present building's foundation cannot support a second floor. We cannot expand backward because it's a flood zone and we are not able to build. Finally, we cannot expand toward the rescue squad building because that property is owned by the rescue squad.

2.) The library board is cognizant of the safety and well being of its patrons. This will always be our first priority with any plan to move or relocate.

3.) Our library director and library staff, the most professional and dedicated group of individuals, have had to work in a very crowded space.

4.) Even though the library is too small for the number of patrons who use it on a daily basis, we have kept up

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with the latest technology, books, DVDs, CDs and other materials so that the citizens have access to them. When new materials come in, older materials have to be moved, thus making the crowded conditions. Do not criticize our director or staff. Come in at any time and see how much the library is utilized. In 2009 over 220,000 library books were checked out, and the program attendance for the year was 11,000.

5.) The South Plainfield Public Library Board of Trustees is governed by New Jersey law and administrative codes. We must follow those guidelines unless the law is changed. Giving back 10% would have been in violation of New Jersey law, but instead we did give back by putting a new roof on a building owned by the town.

We ask that you keep discussing the library and forward your ideas to the newly formed committee. This is not only our problem to solve, but it is the community's problem to solve. The Library Board of Trustees will listen to all suggestions from the mayor's committee and hopefully we will have a solution that all will be satisfied.

**CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY
VICE PRESIDENT
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Student Interns Learn About Government

By Jane Dornick

The Board of Education and the Borough joined together to offer high school students the opportunity to work at Borough Hall and learn about government operations this summer. As with the previous group of students, their internship included performing a multitude of tasks ranging from helping senior citizens at the Senior Center to accepting tax and sewer payments.

"One big challenge from prior years is staffing levels," said Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, who helped initiate the program last year. "The borough has had a significant increase in retirements. This combined with vacations and some illnesses have caused the interns to jump in performing daily duties and they did a fabulous job."

There were four interns this year; three from the high school and one from Timothy Christian High School; Jordan Davis, Jennifer Villacres, Richard Rotella and Bjorn Delacruz. They worked within the offices of finance, tax collection and assessing, code enforcement, zoning, recreation, Office on Aging and the Department of Public Works. Among their duties were posting tax and sewer payments, filing property assessment cards, generating and printing accounts payable

vouchers, filing year end reports in the finance department, filing and organizing in the zoning and building departments and answering the phone in the recreation and tax offices.

Board of Education member and Shared Services Chairwoman Debbie Boyle collaborated with Buteas to give students this unique work opportunity. "Chrissy and I have worked together on this project that will give students a learning experience which they can carry on into their future years. It is a great idea for students to learn about the borough, and volunteering and community service is something they can use on a resume," said Boyle.

CFO Glenn Cullen commented, "I am very proud of our four interns this year. They were an extremely hard working group of students that displayed kindness and professionalism in the workplace. I wish them luck in their upcoming school year. They will be missed at borough hall."

Buteas, Cullen and Boyle, along with borough employees Marie Dudek and Marie Smith helped coordinate the program. Mayor Charles Buttrico and the borough council will be recognizing their service at a public meeting in September. "They have played a pivotal role in keeping the borough operating efficiently during the summer," said Buteas.

Class of 1980 Reunion Seeking Alumni

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1980 will be celebrating their 30th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Brant Beach Yacht Club on Long Beach Island. Cost is \$78 per person. The reunion will be held during Chowderfest Weekend. You can check out the details at www.sphs1980.com.

If you know the whereabouts of these classmates, please let Susan or Jeannine know: Aaron Calland, Dawne Calland, Johnnie Cleckie, Gary Cox, Stephen Curtin, Steven Davis, Michele Dellavalle, Randy Edwards, Saloam El, Martha Farris, Jane Fowler, Gary Gallaway, Laurie Gargano, Gemma

Gaspari, Michael Goble, Walter Hill, Lolita Jackson, Michael Kula, Barbara Lockley, James McHugh, Brian McMillan, Elizabeth Mielnikiewicz, Donald Miller, Joseph Moleski, Christian Olsen, Jeanne O'Rourke, David Phifer, Robert Philip, Joseph Ponte, Linda Roemer, James Rushkowsky, Joseph Schiederman, Joseph Scotti, Anthony Shallo, William Simmons, Lisa Sloat, Paul Strand, Cynthia Sumiak, Kathleen Thompson, Debra Timpson, Claus Vick and Jeffrey Ward.

Contact Susan Graves Metz, susanmetz@embarqmail.com or Jeannine Gorman, jagorman@comcast.net to register. RSVP deadline is August 31.



TD Bank hosted an evening at the August 11 Patriot's baseball game. Back Row (L-R) are: TD Bank Vice President, South Plainfield Branch Manager Carolyn Allen; Carl Adlassing, R&C Auto Body; Frank Boccuzzi, New Horizon Mitigation Services; Jack Pedersen, RE/MAX Competitive Edge; bottom row: Patriot's Mascot Slider; and Kathryn Trent.

Indicted School Bus Driver's License to be Suspended

In a ruling by the N.J. State Department of Education on July 24, the Office of Criminal History Review Unit intends to suspend substitute bus driver John Dacres' "S" endorsement license. The action resulted after Dacres left a student on a bus.

The incident occurred on December 5, 2008 while Dacres was transporting a five-year-old boy from morning enrichment class at Roosevelt School to his Riley School kindergarten class. Neither Dacres nor bus aide Angelina Manno checked the bus prior to parking it in the lot between the high school and middle school. The boy awoke shortly thereafter and managed to open the bus doors and climb out. He then wandered into the midst of an evacuation at the high school due to a gas leak and was found crying by a teacher. The child's mother was notified, and she picked up the boy after he was examined by the school nurse

and found to be unharmed.

Dacres had been previously indicted on fourth degree child abuse, abandonment and neglect in violation of N.J.S.A. 9:6-1 and 6-3 and was granted pretrial intervention, thereby postponing final disposition of the criminal charges for a period of 18 months. Once he satisfactorily completes the pretrial program, according to law he will have the charges against him removed from his record. The suspension, however, will not go into effect until after the decision is approved by the New Jersey State Commissioner of Education.

A first time offense carries a six month suspension and second offense will result in permanent revocation of a driver's bus license. It is unknown if Manno faces any charges.

Truck Committee Closer to Permit Application

The Ad Hoc Truck Committee received an updated report on the progress of the work leading up to submitting an application for a permit for the proposed new truck route during its August 2 meeting.

The report was given by Terry Vogy of Remington & Vernick Engineers, the company preparing the application for the new truck route. The truck route is slated to begin at Hollywood Avenue and go through a small section of the Dismal Swamp before ending at Metuchen Road, thus relieving truck traffic in the borough.

The permit application is scheduled to be submitted in October.

Survey work is 70-75 percent complete, site photographs have been taken, traffic counts are done and Remington and Venick is in the process of preparing base road design plans. Several property owners have not given their written consent for acquisitions and access. Permission is needed from all affected property owners when the application is filed.

Mayor Charles Buttrico, Council President Matt Anesh and Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas agreed to contact state representatives to help the project move through state government.

When the application is submitted in October, borough officials and residents will be asked to contact their state officials in support of the project.

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"Tiger Shark Swimmers Break 19 Records at Swim Competition," in last week's Observer should have reported that the 19 records broken were by all the competing teams, not exclusively by the Tiger Sharks. We apologize for the error.

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August 20

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For tickets, call the Parish Center, (908) 756-0633, ext. 10 or 11.

Little Treasures Open House

August 21

Little Treasures Learning Center, 2177 Oak Tree Road in Edison, will be holding an open house on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Flea Market

August 21

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400-416 Delmore Ave. will hold an outdoor flea market on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Table spaces available: \$20 (bring your own table) or \$25 (one round table supplied). Pierogies will be on sale (kitchen area); hot dogs and soda will be sold during the event.

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American Legion Annual Picnic

August 28

The American Legion Chaumont Post #243, 243 Oak Tree Ave. will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 28 featuring six hours of music with Eric and Karen Seiz from 1 to 4 p.m.; deejay from 4 to 7 p.m.

Triple water slide for the kids, horseshoe tournament and face painting for younger children. Open to the public. Adults: \$15; \$7 for children six to 13; children five and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the post lounge. 50/50 drawing, door prizes. Bring your own pop up tents.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (908) 668-9414.

Elks Family Picnic

September 4

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave. will hold a family picnic on Saturday, Sept. 4 (raindate September 5) from 1 to 6 p.m. Adults: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door; children seven to 17: \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door; under seven, free.

All the usual picnic foods, including clams at a nominal price. Kiddie carnival featuring many planned activities for the kids and their own buffet. Jumpee, cotton candy, spin art, Smiley the Clown with face painting and much more. Horseshoe tournament.

For tickets or information, call the lodge at (908) 668-9750 or contact Barbara Muller at (732) 690-3871.

Scouts to Host Activities Day

September 11

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of South Plainfield would like to invite all boys between the ages of 6-18 to come join them for an activities day on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the South Plainfield American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave., from 1 to 4 p.m. Activities will include various scouting skills, races and games.

Evening ceremonies will be held

from 7 to 9 p.m. which will include a 9/11 memorial and flag retirement.

For more details and to pre-register for certain events, please log on to our website: www.troop07080so.plainfield.scouts.org.

Sacred Heart School Golf Outing

September 15

The Sacred Heart School Advisory Council has announced that the school will be hosting a golf outing at Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Registration/continental breakfast: 8 a.m.; shotgun start: 9 a.m.; prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive; dinner buffet included. Cost per golfer: \$130; \$520 per foursome.

For more information, call (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament

September 29

The inaugural Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. Cost: \$150 per player in advance to reserve your spot.

Registration from 7 to 8 a.m.; shotgun start, scramble format at 8:30 a.m.; reception and lunch at 1:30 p.m.; and awards for longest drive, closest to the pin, first, second and third place at 2 p.m. ceremony.

To reserve your spot, send check (made payable to Gary Kline) to 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467 or via PayPal to Gary's email: mrjuvey1365@aol.com.

For more information, or if you would like to make a contribution, call Gary Kline at (910) 579-5946.

SPHS Class of 1984 25th Reunion

October 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1984 will hold a 25th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Leon's Catering

Hall in Berkeley Heights. \$60 per person includes dinner and open bar. Dress is casual.

Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current locations and addresses in the hopes to contact as many graduates as possible. If you, or someone you know, is a member of the class of 1984, please forward this information to Lisa Petroziello Carone at lpetro@comcast.net or Bill Price at bprice31@hotmail.com.

— Out of Town —

'Fab Friday' Upscale Singles Dance Party

August 20

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party in the Grand Ballroom at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. South in Iselin on Friday, Aug. 20 at 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$15; ages 40 and up; no jeans/shorts/t-shirts/sneakers.

For more information, call (732) 656-1801 or email info@steppinout.singles.com.

Deutscher Club German Biergarten

August 20

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane is holding an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, Aug. 20 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Volkswagen Night: 35 German theme cars to view. Open to the public; rain or shine. Parking available. Music by Richard Jordan. German and American food and beverages available. No outside food or beverages permitted.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

Yard Sale For A Cure/Type One Diabetes

August 21

The New Apostolic Church is hosting a yard sale fundraiser to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes research on Saturday, Aug. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at 929 Putnam Ave. in Plainfield. Please come out and support this great cause. All proceeds are donated to the JDRE.

Coffeehouse Worship

August 21

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains is

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Coming Up.....

Oct 11-15 Indian Head Resort
(Call the center for more info)

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:45 am
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am
Computer... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Line Dancing 10:30 am
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

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hosting a coffeehouse worship on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. Live music, multimedia, a relevant message and a time to connect with God and others. Good coffee and desserts are served. Childcare for young children and activities packets for older children.

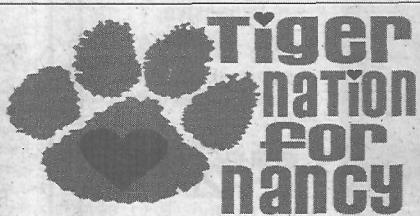
For more information, visit www.willowgrovechurch.org.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

August 25

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) will feature Salving Cappello at its monthly educational meeting. She will discuss her amazing bipolar story on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 7:45 p.m. at the Morris-town Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road. The public is cordially invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

For further local information, call (973) 994-1143.



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August 26, 2010

Softball Game vs. 95.5 WPLJ
7:00pm

South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Field 4
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\$5.00 Tickets can be purchased at the PAL

For more info call Kevin Hughes at 908-226-5596

*Checks can be made out to "South Plainfield PAL" with "Nancy McMahon" in the memo

Nancy McMahon has been a resident of South Plainfield for 16 years. Her 2 children attend South Plainfield High School and participate in multiple sports as well. Nancy and her husband have devoted many years to coaching the children of South Plainfield and both are very involved with the Ponytail Association. She was suddenly stricken with a serious heart malfunction and has recently received a heart transplant. Nancy is recovering nicely but needs our support. Please purchase a ticket at the PAL and help support her and her family in their time of need.

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First Full Year of All Day Kindergarten a Success

By Libby Barsky

It took almost 30 years for full day kindergarten to be initiated in South Plainfield's four elementary schools. Initially parents didn't endorse the idea of Superintendent of Schools Leonard Tobias' plan to have full day kindergarten classes when the former Grant School became the administration building in 1980. At that time, there weren't as many two wage earner families. The mothers told Tobias they preferred to keep their children home because they didn't want a long school day for them.

Today, after a year of full day kindergarten which began last September, parents, teachers and administrators are enthusiastic about the results.

Teacher Rosemary Pelton, who has taught for 33 years, cites the biggest benefit of the full day program is the extra time to review and reinforce a new concept after it's been introduced and "to understand and apply the knowledge of sounds, letters and words in written English to become independent and fluent readers."

"In the half-day program we introduced something and sent the children on their way, hoping that they would remember," recalled Pelton. "Mostly it didn't take because the parents don't have the time. In the full day program in the morning we can introduce a letter and the sounds, then in the afternoon I would go over everything that was introduced before. I have found the follow up is so important. Before when we had half day kindergarten I never could follow up. We also had more time to spend on social studies and science. We did astronomy and learned why Pluto wasn't considered a planet anymore."

As enthusiastic as Marie Amador is now that her son David has completed his first year of full day kindergarten, she admits she was worried when the class first began. "I was worried about the length of the day and that he had to be on his own for lunch, and using the bathroom," she said.

But those concerns quickly faded. Now Amador praises the program saying, "I'm totally thrilled. I can't believe what he can do now," she said. "He can count to 100 and knows the value of coins. In fact, for a special project for the 100th day of school, he made a poster using 100 pennies spelling out 100 days of school. He understands and has done addition and subtraction. His penmanship is neat

and accurate, with writing on the lines of the paper. He can read a sentence and has joined in group discussions. He doesn't exactly write stories, but he will draw a picture and then write a sentence saying what the picture is about."

Amador is the classroom mother and familiar with the many activities that take place during the course of the school week. She referred to a library period with the school librarian, gym with a physical education teacher two times a week, an art period and music as part of the kindergarten program.

"They gave holiday concerts last year and the kindergarten learned three songs with arm movements to perform. Every member of the class showed an ability to perform when they sang," Amador added.

In addition to all the regular work and the specials, the kindergarten enjoyed parties commemorating the traditional holidays of Halloween, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, spring and the end of the year with special party themes and an outside kindergarten picnic with all three kindergarten classes together. They also held birthday parties for the children.

Amador concluded by saying, "I'm looking forward to next year, when my daughter will be starting kindergarten at Kennedy."

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At the suggestion of Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas the borough will be studying the feasibility of passing an ordinance to control the number of clothing drop off boxes in South Plainfield, estimated to be over 44. Most drop off boxes donate less than five percent of the profits to charities and are becoming an eye sore around town.

Hearing on New Building in Dismal Swamp Set for August 26

The Zoning Board of Adjustment plans to hear an application by D'Annunzio & Sons, Inc. to build an office building and storage yard on 18.74 acres at 3730 Park Ave. on August 26.

The site contains a construction contractor's corporate home office, storage yard, trailers and storage area and calls for demolishing all but one of the existing on-site structures, removing storage trailers and constructing an office building.

The Edison Wetlands Association hired consultant, Princeton Hydro LLC, who will be questioning the D'Annunzio design for storm water management in its application. "The applicant provides no protection for areas that provide water quality benefits. Existing wetlands are proposed to be completely cleared. These natural water quality features should in whole or part be protected as natural features to provide more benefits than engineered systems," states the report.

According to Robert Spiegel, executive director of the Edison Wetlands Association, D'Annunzio's plans to fill

in wetlands and cut most of the trees in the area will result in flooding of existing adjacent property owners.

Spiegel also has questioned whether building on the Park Avenue property should first have been brought before the newly formed Dismal Swamp Preservation Commission. The commission was officially signed into law last year to preserve the 1,240 area of the Dismal Swamp bordering Metuchen, Edison and South Plainfield. The first meeting of the Dismal Swamp Preservation Commission was on March 8. It is comprised of two representatives each from Edison, Metuchen and South Plainfield, and Spiegel representing EWA.

"The reality is that the commission is the one who should be hearing this application. It doesn't mean there can't be building in the conservation area. It doesn't mean you can't build in the conservation area; it means you need additional protections that have to be put in place to protect the habitat and wildlife," said Spiegel.

Fifth Annual Run for the Children

The Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Century 21 Moretti Realty, along with Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., will once again team up to raise funds for local families with children battling cancer on Sunday, Oct. 3.

This year the Run For The Children Battling Cancer will originate from the Kenneth Avenue football fields. Participants can enjoy a picnic, live entertainment by the band, Mirage, a classic car show. Vendors will also display their wares.

Sign-ups for the run begin at 9:30 a.m. Ride will leave at 11:15 a.m. sharp, led by the South Plainfield Police Department and the Volunteer Fire Department. Riders will embark on a 55-mile round trip run through scenic Somerset County. Free food, drinks, prizes, vendors and a live band await their return at 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger. Walk-ins are also welcome at \$10 per person.

Once again this year, Street Dreams Car Club and Ron Fusco will run the classic car show. Vendors interested in signing up to show their cars should contact Fusco at (908) 482-0008.

A \$50 minimum donation is required of vendors and they must supply their own tables, tents, etc. Sign-ups begin at 9:30 a.m. for vendors who are also riders; all others should arrive by 11:30 a.m. Reserve your spot at least two to three weeks in advance.

For more information on the run, or to sign up as a vendor for the after ride picnic, email or call Rich D'Urso at ofthebear@aol.com, (732) 406-2826; Greg Rhein at oldtimers_mc.greg@yahoo.com, (908) 405-7753, or Guy Moretti at morettiguy@moretti.realty.com, (908) 755-5300.

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JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Fall Ball Registration

It's hot and muggy, but not too early to start thinking about fall baseball. From ages seven to 14, we'll be playing exciting and fun baseball beginning in September.

For new players age seven, you must turn seven before May 1, 2011 (bring birth certificate).

Registration fee is \$75; final registration deadline is Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse.

You can also sign up by calling the clubhouse at (908) 754-2090, or visiting our website at www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc. Just download the form and mail to the address on the form.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

After a very successful summer reading program in which readers received lots of prizes and were entertained by singers including Mr. Kurt and Mr. Scott, and also had a chance to see lizards up close, Miss Linda and Miss Mija are suspending story times until the first week in October. This will give them a chance to create wonderful activities for the fall and winter; however, they will be around to help with any questions and the children's room will be open.

The library is also selling tickets for a beautiful quilt being raffled by the South Plainfield Historical Society. The quilt is on display in the library and tickets are \$2 each.

We want everyone to be aware that the library is working with Verizon to increase our bandwidth for Internet service. Until Verizon can do that (and they have not been able to set a timetable yet), we are limited in the number of Internet computers we can have open at one time. Furthermore, we have instituted some new policies on how patrons log in to the computers.

You must now come to the reference desk where we will make a reservation for you. Everyone needs to follow this procedure whether or not there is anyone sitting at any of the computers.

As a reminder, school starts in three weeks and from the seventh grade up there are assigned readings. We suggest that you not wait until the last minute to get your books as the selection can be anywhere from very small to nonexistent. And, we will not be able to request items from another library and receive them in time. If you are really pressed, we suggest you check out ListenNJ (accessible through our website) which includes many classic books on audio.

Finally, as part of our conversion to a new circulation system we have changed some of the links from our website. Please make sure all your links are current and to our current website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the library at (908) 754-7885 or visit us at 2484 Plainfield Ave. across the parking lot from borough hall.



Seussical Breaks SDW's Ticket Sale Record

Seussical, the 2010 South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) production was a hit of major proportions. The well-known characters appealed to audiences of all ages. Production Board President Bill Mott said, "This was a great show; we broke our record for tickets sold, and many people on the way out of Sunday's show commented that it was the best show they've ever seen done by SDW. The kids had a great time and even at the cast party they made it obvious that they felt like they were part of a family, and were thankful for all everyone did. Thank you for making it happen. Oh, the things you can think came true in this year's production."

The sentiment was echoed by Director Eric Hafen who had suggested the show several times over the years. "Seussical paid off, and we did well by the students by giving them a product on which they could succeed."

Former SDW Producer Pat Barra (Guaraci) brought her four and a half year old grandson to the production. The youngster's eyes lit up as The Cat

in the Hat pounced on stage for the first time. Barra also agreed that the production was one of the youth theater group's best efforts to date.

Although only a couple of weeks have passed, many cast members have

had 'mini-reunions' attesting to the sense of camaraderie developed during the show.

Submitted by Patricia Abbott/
SDW Board



Kevin Lopez as Jojo and Mark Piltz as The Cat in the Hat.

policereport

• On August 5 Harinder P. Singh, 36, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and refusal to submit to a breath test.

• On August 7 a Foster Avenue resident reported that a glass ice tea bottle had been thrown at the rear

windshield of their vehicle causing it to break.

• On August 8 Reyes Osorio, 28, of Roselle was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance, driving an unregistered vehicle and two outstanding warrants.

The South Plainfield Labor Day Parade Public Celebrations Committee invites you to the

**53rd Annual
Labor Day Parade
Monday, September 6**

**Parade route starts 10 a.m.
at the PAL & ends at the Middle School**

(Road Closures Begin at 9:00 a.m.)

9am - 5k Race & 1.5 Mile Walk Before Parade - 9:15, Middle School

Musical entertainment by "Black Rose" begins at 12:30 at the Middle School

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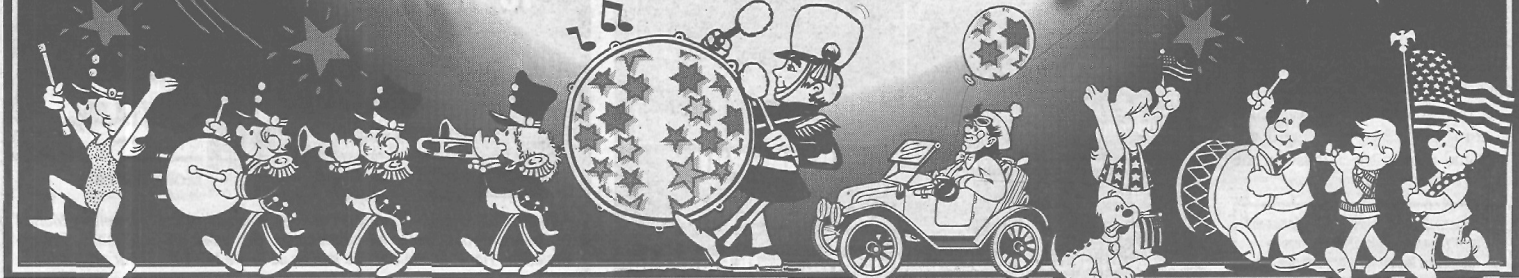
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SPEA Announces Faculty Retirements

The South Plainfield Education Association has announced the retirements of a number of faculty members. We previously reported on the retirements of Maria Campagna, Deirdre Falato, Barbara Friedman, Joanne Gurske and Nadine Knight. This group of educators has accumulated 407 years in the profession and 360 years of service to the students of South Plainfield.

Dr. Nancy Lech has been in education since 1974, starting as a school social worker for a few years and then became a school psychologist. She worked in a few districts before coming to South Plainfield in 1991. As an undergraduate, she participated in several programs at Kean University where she received a B.A. in English with a teaching certification, school social work certification and professional diploma in school psychology. Later, while working in South Plainfield she went back to school and obtained an M.A. in psychology from Montclair University and a Psy. D. in psychology from Rutgers University. Dr. Lech is a licensed psychologist. Upon retirement, she will continue teaching at Kean in the graduate psychology department, conduct a private practice and travel.

John Limansky has been a faculty member in the district for his entire teaching career of 37 years. He taught at the high school prior to his current position in seventh grade at the middle school. He received his degree in mathematics from Rutgers University. He was honored as a New Jersey Governor's Teacher Recognition Award winner and also received the PTA Caring Award in 1995.

Limansky has served as stage manager and advisor for the student council and "Battle of the Classes." He is a member of NJEA and SPEA and has volunteered for the Red Bank Crop Walk. His interests include boating, fishing and especially his grandchildren. Limansky is well known in town as a deejay, which he will continue to do after retirement.

Jim Makowski has been at the middle school, where he taught all subjects since 1987, working with special education seventh and eighth graders. He also taught at the high school from 1980-1987. He became a member of the South Plainfield faculty 30 years ago after receiving undergraduate

degrees in special education from Middlesex County College and Kean University. He also received an M.A., plus 30 additional credits in special education and learning disabilities from Kean.

Makowski has been department head at the middle school since 1988. He was a 1996 recipient of the New Jersey Governor's Teacher Recognition Award, followed by the Caring Award in 1998. He is an active member of the "Independent Musicistic Organization" and supporter of the Lehigh Valley Music Festival (in Pa.).

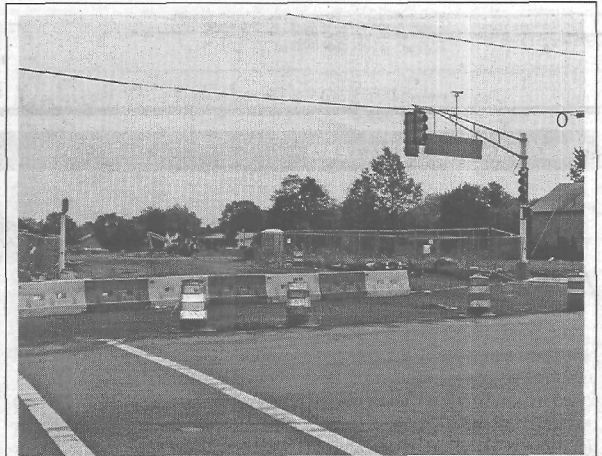
Makowski enjoys reading, painting, golfing and attending concerts and flea markets. Among his colleagues he is famous for telling jokes. "Hey! Did you hear this one?"

Jeffrey A. Middleton, an educator for 36 years, taught physical education at the middle school for the past 25 years. His previous employment was in the Old Bridge Township School District (between 1974 and 1985). He also served as athletic trainer at South Plainfield High School from 1985-1995. He graduated in 1973 from Frostburg State College in Maryland with a bachelor of science degree in health and physical education. He attended Indiana State University where he received an M.S. in athletic training in 1974. He is a member and past president of Athletic Trainers Society of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Federation of Umpires, where he is president this year. Spezio was honored by his peers as the Eastern Athletic Trainer Association High School Trainer of the Year in 1987. At the middle school he has served as faculty manager and yearbook photographer. His interests include photography, umpiring and travel.

William R. Mosca was the mechanical drawing teacher at the middle school for 36 years. In addition to mechanical drawing, he also taught sixth, seventh and eighth grade wood shop. Prior to coming to South Plainfield he taught special education wood shop in Irvington from 1972 to 1973. He graduated from Montclair State University with a bachelor of arts degree in industrial education and technology. Mosca received the Teacher of the Year Award (the New Jersey Governor's Recognition Program Award) in 1988 and the Caring Award in 1994. He coached SPHS baseball for 33 years and basketball for eight. He also chaperoned every eighth grade class trip and every Project Graduation. In 1986 he ran in the New York City Marathon and finished in four hours, 20 minutes and 24 seconds. He is a volunteer at St. Baldericks, and for Hand-in-Hand and Special Olympics. He is a woodworker and deck builder and enjoys playing golf, softball and basketball in his spare time.

For the past 33 years **Jeffrey Spezio** was the eighth grade graphic arts teacher at the middle school, although he began his teaching career a year earlier in Highland Park. He graduated from Trenton State College with a degree in industrial arts education and later received a graduate degree in vocational education from Rutgers University. He has been Middle School Student Council and newspaper advisor as well as a Safe Schools designee, and he has provided printing and photography services for various organizations.

Spezio was honored to receive a Caring Teacher Award. His outside interests include fishing, model trains, and woodworking.



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permitted to participate in the festivities.

Arrive at the South Plainfield Middle School between 7 and 7:30 a.m., as the roads will be closed shortly thereafter. Also, this application only reserves a designated spot to set up at the middle school. Vendors are to provide their own tables, chairs, etc., and there are no vehicles allowed on the middle school lawn or sidewalk area.

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Sports

TIGERS SHARKS SWIM TEAM

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Tiger Sharks Win One At Home and One Away

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks hosted a swim meet at the community pool on July 17. They were defeated by the Middlesex Water Wrats by a score of 145-132. South Plainfield Tiger Shark swimmer Dylan McDermott set another pool record by swimming the 200 meter freestyle in 2:18.21. Here are a list of events and ribbon holders:

IM: first place-Darlene Fung, Brianna Tang, Emily Pickarski; second Place: Jenna Yan, Gracie Pickarski

Longer Freestyle: first place-Dan Galarza, Dylan McDermott; second place-Nicolas Gurrieri; third place-Anthony Gurrieri

Freestyle: first place-Darlene Fung, Ali Huber, Gracie Pickarski; second place-Tracy Lu, Stephanie Chin, Samantha Soto, Emily Pickarski; third place-Shannon Yan, Emma Picdilato

Backstroke: second place-Nicolas Gurrieri, Marcel Green; third place-Joe Anesh, Charlie Butrico, Anthony Gurrieri

Breaststroke: first place-Dan Galarza, Marcel Green, Dylan McDermott; third place: Jack O'Shaughnessy, Andrew Toapanta, Charlie Butrico

Butterfly: first place-Jenna Yan, Samantha Soto; second place-Tracy Lu, Stephanie Chin, Brianna Tang, Ali Huber, Maggie Valentino; third place-Shannon Yan, Amy Zinsky, Michelle Gustafson

Medley Relays (all first place ribbons): eight and under: Erin Barnett, Amanda Pina, Shannon Yan, Tracy Lu; 9-12: Darlene Fung, Jennifer Huber, Jenna Yan, Emma Picdilato; 13-18: Teresa Gustafson, Samantha Soto, Ali Huber, Maggie Valentino

Heat Winners: Harrison Anesh-25 back; Kaitlyn Kwan-50 free; Dan O'Shaughnessy-50 Back; Madison Faustini-100 Free; Teresa Gustafson-100 free

On July 24 the Tiger Sharks defeated Chatham Colony by a close margin at their pool in Chatham. The final score was 138-130. Swimming at that meet and taking home ribbons were: IM-first place-Darlene Fung, Brianna Tang; second place-Aubrey Marish; third place-Jenna Yan, Genni Huber, Maggie Valentino

Longer Freestyle: first place-Mark

Stanik, Daniel Galarza; second place-Andrew Galarza, Paul Stanik, Anthony Gurrieri

Freestyle: first place-Ali Huber, second place-Kristy Tam, Chandler Carter, Megan McDermott; third place-Shannon Yan, Aubrey Marish, Kelley O'Brien, Gracie Pickarski

Backstroke: First place-Mark Stanik, Daniel Galarza; second Place-Brendan Tang, Patrick Osaidacz; third place-Dominic Faustini, Miles Green, Nicolas Gurrieri

Breaststroke: first place-Andrew Galarza, Paul Stanik, Eric Ivanuic, Anthony Gurrieri; second place-Nicolas Gurrieri; third place-Max Straussberger, Brandon Tang, Marcos Toapanta

Butterfly: first place-Chandler Carter, Megan McDermott; second place-Brianna Tang, Allison Huber; third place-Kristy Tam, Darlene Fung, Kelley O'Brien, Gracie Pickarski

Winners of the first place ribbon for the freestyle relay 9-12 was the team of Toapanta, Tang, Green and Chung. Winner of the first place ribbon for the medley relay for eight and under was the team of Pina, Makoski, Kwan and Kwan. The team of Fung, Carter, Tang and McDermott placed first for the 9-12 year olds.

Honorable mention went to Brianna Padovana-25 free, Amanda Pina-25 free, Kristina Kwan-25 free, Noah Karch-25 back, Max Straussberger-25 back, Sasha Galarza-25 fly and 25 free, Nicholas Farinella-50 breast, Isaac Nathoos-50 free and 50 breast, Jenna Yan-50 fly, Danielle Bythel-25 free, Erin Barnett-25 free, Katie Duhamel-50 free, and Adam Nathoo-50 breast.

Starting at the age of 11, athletes usually start developing the sport they wish to continue. Featuring our 11/12 swimmers, many of whom will be continuing this sport are: Cristian Butrico, Grace Chung, Gina Cummings, Gregory Forbes, Daniel Galarza, Olivia George, Christian Gonzalez, Nicolas Gurrieri, Jennifer Huber, Jiyeung Kang, Justice Lipuma, Drew Mackenzie, Elissa Mackenzie, Megan McDermott, Matilda Mercer, Morgan Merkler, Timmy Nuber, Danny O'Shaughnessy, Shannon Peffer, Emma Picdilato, Benjamin Sheaffer, Paul Stanik and Brianna Tang.



Swim Team Loses in a Hurricane

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team were swept away by the number one swim team in Central New Jersey, the Hillsborough Hurricanes. Even though the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks were able to capture all the relays, the score was still a loss, 168-118.

Starting the meet with the individual medley, Anthony Gurrieri (13-18) was the only first place winner. Mark Stanik (10 and under) and brother Paul Stanik (11/12) were second place winners.

When the girls took the blocks for the longer freestyle, 10-year-old Chandler Carter was the only girl to take a first place. Aubrey Marish, also 10, took second place. Emma Picdilato (11/12) and Gracie Pickarski (13-18) placed third.

Swimming in the butterfly, Mark Stanik took home the blue ribbon for the 9/10 age group. His brother, Paul Stanik, and Nicolas Gurrieri took second and third place in the 11/12 age

group.

The breaststroke gave the Tiger Sharks only one first place win; Ali Huber (13/14) captured that ribbon. Kristy Tam (eight and under) was the only younger swimmer to place with a second place win. Darlene Fung (9/10) also placed second, while Jenna Yan (9/10), Samantha Soto (13/14) and Cristina Butrico (15-18) placed third.

The shorter freestyle events gave the team no first place wins, but Anthony Gurrieri was able to take second place in the 15-18 age group: Miles Green (9/10), Nicolas Gurrieri (11/12), and Charlie Butrico (13/14) placed third.

Kristy Tam and Shannon Yan were able to take first and second place in the eight and under age group of the backstroke. Chandler Carter and Jenna Yan placed second and third for the 9/10 age group. Also taking third place were Jennifer Huber (11/12), sister Ali Huber (13/14) and Teresa Gustafson (15-18).

Swimming the relays and taking first place were:

Freestyle relays eight and under: Shannon Yan, Amanda Pina, Erin Barnett and Kristy Tam; 9-12: Chandler Carter, Darlene Fung, Aubrey Marish and Emma Picdilato; 13-18: Chelsea Cullen, Samantha Soto, Maggie Valentino and Ali Huber.

Medley relays eight and under: Harrison Anesh, Dominic Faustini, Joseph Anesh and Jack O'Shaughnessy; 9-12: Mark Stanik, Nicolas Gurrieri, Miles Green and Paul Stanik; 13-18: Ian Muhlgier, Charlie Butrico, Anthony Gurrieri and Enzo Butrico.

The 9/10 swimmers are a little more advanced than the youngest swimmers. It is usually determined at this age group which strokes a swimmer will excel in. Featuring the 9/10 swimmers for the team are: Claudia Aljian, Drew Barnett, Ryan Carey, Chandler

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SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

SPSC Gears Up for the Upcoming Fall Season

Just weeks away from the fall season and we are gearing up for with lots of work being done. Teams are being registered with the league, practices are starting and everyone is thinking soccer!

We are looking to add a few players in a few age groups. If you have a child who would be interested in joining our travel soccer program, we are looking for players in the following age groups:

- U-8-Players born between August 1, 2002 and July 31, 2003.
- U-10 Girls-born between August 1, 2000 and July 31, 2001 and August 1, 2001 and July 31, 2002.
- U-11-Boys born between August 1, 1999 and July 31, 2000.

This is a great opportunity for a

child who enjoys the game of soccer and would like to participate in a competitive venue. We play in the fall and spring, with 10 games each season. Five games are played on our home fields and five are played away. Our away games are normally within a 45 minute radius of town. We provide continued training and support, with training from the New York Red Bulls trainers for our fall teams. If interested, please call the club at (908) 755-3550 and leave a clear message with your name, number and the age group your child would be eligible for and a coach will call you back.

The club will once again be participating in the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade. We are hoping to have as many of our players, coaches and

members turn out and show pride in the club. We will be entering a float again this year; last year's float won us the "Best Youth Entry" trophy...can we repeat? If you will be available to represent your team, please let your coach know. We are also looking for parents to assist with supervising players on the float, walking and, of course, decorating the float. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Landi Hawk at (908) 397-3940 or email: landihawk@yahoo.com.

More info to follow soon, so stay tuned. Remember to check your in boxes for updates from the club and you can always check our website at www.sopfldsoccerclub.com for important team and club info.

See you soon on the fields!

Sacred Heart School to Hold Inaugural Golf Outing

The School Advisory Council of Sacred Heart School has announced its first golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 15. The beneficiary will be Sacred Heart School.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., accompanied by a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Hot dogs, soda and beer will be available at the turn. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. with a dinner buffet following. A Hole-In-One package offers four prizes (one per par 3) in-

cluding: Hapuna Beach for two; Newport Dunes Golf Package for two; PGA Village Golf Package for two; and Pine Needles Golf School for two. Individual golfer is \$130 or \$520 for a foursome.

The Golf Outing Committee, chaired by Manuel P. Sanchez, Esq., is also seeking both corporate and individual sponsors for the event. A Platinum Sponsorship (\$1,000) includes a foursome, your corporate banner and sign on the first tee and recognition at the event. A Gold Sponsorship (\$750) includes a foursome, a sign on the 18th tee and recognition

at the event. A Silver Sponsorship (\$500) includes a twosome, a tee sign and recognition at the event. A Personalized Sponsorship (\$250) includes your personalized sign on any hole of your choosing. A Non-Golfing Sponsorship (\$600) includes a corporate banner and recognition at the event. Breakfast sponsors and beverage cart sponsors are also needed at \$250 each. If you would like to donate raffle or door prizes, recognition will be made of your donation.

For registration or to reserve a place, please call (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1890A

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on August 16, 2010 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Amending Section 3a of Bond Ordinance Numbered 1890 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Finally Adopted May 3, 2010 in Order to Amend the Description of the Project and to Reappropriate \$55,000 Proceeds of Obligations Not Needed for Their Original Purpose to Provide for New Market Avenue Road, Curb, Driveway Apron, ADA and Other Improvements and Improvements to Cherry Street.

Purposes:

1) Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance numbered 1890 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), finally adopted May 3, 2010 is amended to read as follows:

"(a) New Market Avenue road, curb, driveway apron, ADA and other improvements and improvements to Cherry Street, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto."

2) \$55,000 of the proceeds of obligations originally made available pursuant to bond ordinance #1827 of the Borough, finally adopted July 14, 2008 is no longer necessary for Linden Avenue and other related improvements for which the obligations previously were authorized and is hereby reappropriated to provide for New Market Avenue road, curb, driveway apron, ADA and other improvements and improvements to Cherry Street, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Re-Appropriation: \$55,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0

Grants Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$0

Useful Life: N/A

ATTEST:

Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$35.59

August 20, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1900

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 84 Entitled "Police Department" of The Code of the Borough of South Plainfield was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, August 20, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080..

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Borough, Chapter 84, Police Department, be amended to add to Section 84-2, Department of Personnel, the following paragraph to be appended at the end of the existing language:

In the event a Captain of the Police Department is appointed to serve as provisional Chief of Police pending conclusion of service of the Sifting Chief of Police, and pending the appointment of a permanent Chief of Police, the Council may appoint an additional Captain in accordance with the provisions of the Borough Code and other law.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:

Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$33.70

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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

After regaining a tie for first place in the American Division in the fourth week, Twin City Pharmacy played some fine golf and never relinquished the top spot the rest of the season.

Teeing off against Unique Sports Accessories, Twin City Pharmacy once again put on a show of their balance and power with an impressive 17-3 victory.

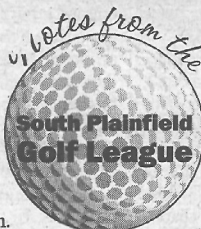
Guy Severini posted his best round of the year, a sparkling 1-under 32, and he got plenty of support from Jay Coppola and Joe Diller who both had 35s, and also from Don Stanzione who shot a 39.

Unique Sports Accessories felt the loss of not having Jay Bertleson in their line-up. Bertleson needs hip replacement surgery and is out for the rest of the season. Captain Chris Dillon continued his superlative play with a 1-over 34, Mike Citrano had a 36, and Mike Dillon chipped in for a remarkable birdie on the fifth hole on his way to a 39. It was another tough loss for Unique Sports Accessories who have played better than their 6-6-1 record suggests.

Bob Nilan of the Roughriders hit his only errant drive of the night on the ninth hole that wound up in the middle of the second fairway, leaving him with a unique challenge for his second shot. A tree by the ninth fairway had been partially removed earlier in the day, but the big white landscaping truck was still parked in the rough. Nilan deftly lofted his approach shot over the truck, got down in two to make par for a 39 that helped his team to a 20-0 blowout of Witty's Liquors.

Andy "The Caddie Comedian" Hayward put together a nifty round of 36, a score matched by his partner, Frank Weingart, who has found his touch on the greens. Jerry Briemer contributed a 41 that helped the Roughriders gain their stunning win that left Sean Brooks and his Witty's Liquors teammates muttering to themselves. It certainly looks like the mid-week practices that Captain Bob Nilan has been holding at the "OK Corral" are paying off with the stampede style victories of recent weeks.

Last week, Witty's Liquors played well and lost to the Italian-American Club, 13-7. This week they played



even better: Brooks had a terrific round, a 2-over 35, Eric Beagle had a 38, and Bob Chase and Nick Tonzetich turned in a pair of 39s that could easily have been several strokes lower—and they still got shut out. Birthday boy Jeff Orth celebrated his special day in grand

style by letting Captain Dale Dube treat him all night long to his favorite adult beverage. Orth repaid Dube's generosity by firing a 38 to earn the medal for his team, and Mike Dube came through with a 39. Their good efforts, however, were not enough to overcome the fine play of Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van DeVaarst who led the way for Oak Tree Dental with a 36. Frank Oades registered a 39 to help his team earn a narrow 12-8 victory.

Tom Kaufman of the Polish National Home has played West Nine for years under a variety of conditions so he knows what to do when the course is browned out and is extremely firm due to the lack of rain. It's bombs away time, and Kaufman and his partner, Ray Starnick (the dynamic duo from Gotham City) unleashed their entire arsenals as they both fired beautiful 1-over 34s to earn a 10-10 tie with KC's Korner.

Mike Behr kept his Whack-a-Do driver in his bag and completely crushed some low trajectory tee shots on his way to a 36 to earn the medal for KC's Korner. Tony Cotone, Jr. again played well and shot a 37 while good old reliable Dan Conti managed a 39.

KC's Korner can now put it on cruise control next week as they get themselves ready for their playoff match in two weeks against the American Division champions, Twin City Pharmacy.

Pat Romano of Sport & Social is a delight to watch on the first tee. A little wiggle here, a bit of a waggle there, and then he steps up and strokes a parabolic beauty right down the middle of the fairway. Week after week. He outdrove his captain "Myrtle Beach" Matthews by 50 yards. Unfortunately, he didn't outdrive Mighty Mike King of Alfie's Boys who somehow hits them into the clouds with a driver that has a loft of seven degrees. King was absolutely masterful as he went on to boom some colossal drives on his way to tie for the low-round of the night with a

superb 1-under 32. Mike Gokey and John Gaven both had very nice rounds of 37 as Alfie's Boys earned a close 12-8 win.

Dennis Bibby and Mike Warren shared medalist honors for Sport & Social with 41s.

Captain Frank Ferraro of the Italian-American Club shot a 42 two weeks ago to lead his team to a 12-8 win over Sport & Social and then came right back with an even better round, a 39, to lead his squad to a surprising 13-7 win over Witty's Liquors.

This week, Frank—not to be confused with his kid brother, Hank, from Boca Raton—once again was the inspirational force as the Italian-American Club gained a hard-fought 11-9 win over McCriskin's Home For Funerals. Rich Pelligrino shared medalist honors with Ferraro with his own round of 42.

"I know it must have looked like we were just a bunch of stiffies when we started the season, 0-4," said Captain Mark Chichvar of McCriskin's, "but we came to life in week five and crushed last year's champions, 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, 17-3."

They then whipped the Italian-American Club the following week, but then dropped the next five matches to sink deeper and deeper in the hole and have been buried in last place for most of the season.

In the play-offs coming up in two weeks, it now looks like McCriskin's will match up again 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, to determine which team will finish dead last in the over-all standings.

Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar hopes that in the play-offs he can repeat the terrific 35 he had against the Italian-American Club and Wally Heinzer will be happy to come back with another round of 39.

Low scores for the night: Mike King, 32; Guy Severini, 32; Chris Dillon, 34; Tom Kaufman, 34; Ray Starnick, 34; Sean Brooks, 35; Mark Chichvar, 35; Jay Coppola, 35; Joe Diller, 35.

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Obituaries

Barbara B. (Bingham) McCauley, 76



Barbara B. McCauley

Barbara B. (Bingham) McCauley died peacefully on Monday, Aug. 9 at her home with her family at her side.

Born and raised in Montclair, Barbara resided in Weehawken before settling in South Plainfield in 1962.

She initially was employed by Esso Standard Oil in New York City. Barbara was later employed for over 35 years as a dental assistant for the late Dr. Bernard Struhl, DDS and most recently for Dr. Douglas Klein, DDS in South Plainfield.

She is a former member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary, and a long time communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. In addition, Barbara, was a talented artist who enjoyed oil painting and wrote family based poetry.

More importantly, Barbara was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She and her late husband, Tom, served as foster parents to as many as 13 children of various ages over the course of 19 years.

Her dear husband, Thomas P. McCauley, died in October 2008. She is also predeceased by three sisters, Dorothy Lake, Shirley Helmich and Mary Lookup and a brother, Alan Bingham.

Surviving are six children, Ginny Butrico and husband Dave of South Plainfield, Janet Finamore and husband Steve of Hillsdale, Carol McCauley of Greensboro, N.C., James McCauley of San Antonio, Texas, Thomas McCauley and wife Gulia of Wind Gap, Pa. and Robert McCauley and wife Amy of Simpsonville, S.C.; a brother, Hayden Bingham; 18 grandchildren, Sara, Christina, Michael and Corinne Finamore, David, Alyse and Kelly Butrico, Samantha and Robby McCauley, Dominika, Ryan and Ethan McCauley and Felicia, Elizabeth, Christine, Steven, Justin and Amber McCauley; five great-grandchildren, David and Ashlyn Butrico and Joey and Jesse Martinez and Elyssa Santos, as well as her friend and caretaker, Sophia.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Embracing Hospice

Care, 109 South Main St., Cranbury, N.J. 08512 or to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Mary Massaro, 99

Mary Massaro died on Friday, Aug. 13 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born in Di Ascoli Piceno, Italy, Mrs. Massaro resided in Kearney for most of her life before moving to Toms River five years ago.

For over 60 years Mary was an active parishioner at St. Anthony's RC Church in East Newark. She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society and ran the church bingo for over 25 years.

She is predeceased by her husband, the late Lawrence Massaro, who died in 1993; a brother and a sister.

Surviving are three children, Elvira Larsen and husband Richard of Toms River, Lawrence J. and wife Doris of South Plainfield and Eugene A. and wife Helen, also of South Plainfield; 10 grandchildren, Larry III and Lori Massaro, Dina Capparelli, Richard and Michael Larsen, Eugene, Thomas and Daniel Massaro and Ann Marie Kukich and Theresa Hart; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Marian F. Brooks, 83

Marian F. (Fister) Brooks died on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at home.

She grew up in Bethlehem, Pa. and resided in South Plainfield since 1957. A devoted wife and mother, she cared for her family as a homemaker.

She was very involved as a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Plainfield, and belonged to the Women's Bible Study Group. Having a love for religious music, she composed her own music and enjoyed teaching young children. She was also a member of the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra.

Marian is predeceased by her husband, William D. Brooks, who passed away on February 14, 2009.

She leaves behind two loving sons, Steven Brooks and William Brooks and wife Denise, both of South Plainfield; three granddaughters, Deanna Seiple, Krissy Uhler and Nikki Brooks; three great-granddaughters, Holly and Abby Seiple and Ellie Uhler; and a brother, Lee Fister and wife Judy.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division

	W	L	T
Twin City Pharmacy ..	9	3	1
Oak Tree Dental	7	5	1
Witty's Liquors	7	6	0
Roughriders	6	6	1
Unique Sports	6	5	1
2 Buds, 2 Dubs	3	10	0

National Division

	W	L	T
KC's Korner	9	3	0
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Polish National Home ..	7	5	1
Italian American Club ..	6	7	0
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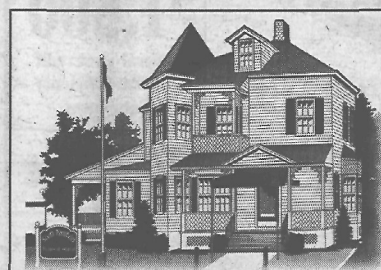
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In My Opinion

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Dear Editor,

I would like to commend East Brunswick for taking an important step to safeguard the health and well-being of our student-athletes. Particular praise goes to the high school's Athletic Director Frank Noppenberger.

We've seen all too tragically how hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)—a thickening of the muscle of the heart—can claim the lives of some of our brightest stars before they have the chance to fulfill their true potential.

In a move that could ultimately save lives, the township will soon be conducting voluntary cardiac screenings for all student-athletes and marching band members. This is truly a cooperative effort between the school district, township council and Cranbury Heart and Lung Associates who have agreed to provide the screenings at cost.

While this is an important move, I am hopeful that we can soon get the legislation I am sponsoring (A-2744)

enacted into law to improve overall school preparedness for responding to incidents of sudden cardiac arrest. This bill, which passed the assembly in June, would require state officials to work with the American Heart Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics to develop a program that provides information regarding HCM to all students, parents and coaches, including information on private HCM screening options.

My goal is that this legislation will raise awareness of the warning signs of HCM and what to do if diagnosed with the disease. While East Brunswick has taken important and progressive steps, all districts need a comprehensive awareness and prevention program in fighting HCM. This legislation will give parents, coaches and school districts critical tools to protect their children and students on the playing field.

**SINCERELY,
PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.
ASSEMBLYMAN (D-18TH
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT)**

Acting Chief to Retire

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the local women's domestic violence volunteer group.

During his time at the top, Brembt was able to overhaul the department's training and combined the DARE and GREAT programs that are run by police officers in the local schools. Due to cuts in state spending he was unable to obtain grants for programs he wanted to implement. "License and contracts with companies continue to rise, while our budget goes down. I was disappointed that I couldn't increase my community policing unit," said Brembt.

Although he is retiring from his present career, Brembt intends to return to his previous teaching career,

something he gave up in the 1980s to pursue a more lucrative job in policing. He holds certifications in elementary and special education and says he already has a job offer.

"South Plainfield is a great town," said Brembt who resides in Whitehouse Station, but spends most of his time with the residents and business owners of the borough. "I'm going to miss the people. It's an honor to say that I worked with them."

Captain James Parker, who was promoted on April 19 following Brembt's appointment to acting chief, will take the title of "provisional chief" as of Friday, Sept. 10 at a pay rate of \$73.03 per hour (\$153,000 a year).

To the Editor:

As a member of the Library Board of Trustees for a number of years, I would first like to say that we welcome input from the public concerning the library, but it would avoid much confusion and repetition if the basic facts were accepted as a starting point. To that end, one of the first things that was considered was expanding the existing building, which would seem like a reasonable solution; however, legally and realistically, this is not possible. The building is old, under-sized for the needs of our town, and very outdated.

The building structure cannot support a second floor or additional floors; the building cannot be expanded on the side near the rescue squad as that land belongs to the rescue squad and not the library; expansion of the side facing the back parking lot is not possible due to environmental reasons such as the flood plain, and to expand on the side facing Plainfield Avenue would bring the building structure too close to the street. In addition, the library board recently paid to have a new roof put on the building, even though it belongs to the borough, because leaks would have threatened the contents of the building.

To address the question of overcrowding in the library, I must say this: No one is deliberately trying to make the inside of the library look crowded, it simply is. The number of books that have to be discarded from the collection simply to make room is disheartening. Among other things that our library provides are DVD rentals, audio books, Internet access, programs for children and adults, and of course, books.

I believe that a library should have an ongoing collection of books of not just current authors or classics, but other established authors and lesser known

ones as well. I recently tried to obtain an older book by a well-known author. Not one of his bestselling titles was available in our library any longer because his books were famous 30 years ago and room had to be made for more of the popular books.

In addition, and this has been mentioned before but must be repeated, the back room conditions where some of the library staff spend much of their time working, repairing books, etc., are cramped and deplorable. Without being funny, we are practically talking working conditions of the character Bob Cratchett in *A Christmas Carol*, except that our staff usually have heat and air conditioning.

There is also no meeting room for the public, no handicapped access to some of the book areas and inadequate room every time there is a children's program scheduled (which occurs multiple times every month). I mention this because people seem to think that the staff wants a larger library so they can have a staff lounge or other luxury. I cannot understand how every other town around us, no matter how small, manages to have a much better library facility than South Plainfield. I am not saying we need a showplace; we simply need an adequate, updated facility that can provide the appropriate services and technology needed for a town of our size and population.

I challenge every interested citizen to visit surrounding towns to see what their library facilities look like inside and out and then compare them to what we are able to offer our residents. South Plainfield deserves better.

**SINCERELY,
DONNA M. EGAN**

Dear Editor,

I was happy to read recently that residents will see municipal taxes drop this year on average by \$178 thanks

to the impressive efforts of the council's Republican Majority.

The cut in municipal taxes comes at a time when school taxes will be slightly under flat, also thanks to the council's hard work (after voters turned down the Board of Education's proposed budget). If it weren't for the council's efforts in trimming that budget, school taxes would be up about \$100 per home. What really impressed me though is how the council brought the school budget to flat without additional cuts to teachers or programs. In fact, it recommended ways to bring teachers and programs back, which is now happening.

The only bad news on our tax bills this year comes from Middlesex County, which is again raising taxes. The all-Democrat freeholder board will hike taxes by about \$25 on the average home.

As a candidate for freeholder, I hope to make our county more fiscally responsible. The county needs to follow the example we set here in South Plainfield and look for ways to reduce the size of government.

The council in South Plainfield knew it had to make hard decisions, and it did. The county needs to do the same. Smaller, more efficient county government is a necessity in these hard times, times when families are struggling to make ends meet.

If elected to the freeholder board in November, I know I can bring to Middlesex County the same type of common sense fiscal reforms that are happening here in South Plainfield. In the meantime, I want to thank Council President Matt Anesh and Councilmen Tim McConville, Rob Bengivenga and Ray Ruskak for all their hard work to lower taxes. To see the municipal part of the tax bill drop by \$178 is refreshing when taxes are skyrocketing everywhere else.

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The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks hosted the League Championship on July 31. Details of the championship will be in a future article, but at this time the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks want to thank Auntie Pammy's Italian Ice, and Hometown Heroes for their support of the team and making both the championship and team picnic an extra special event.

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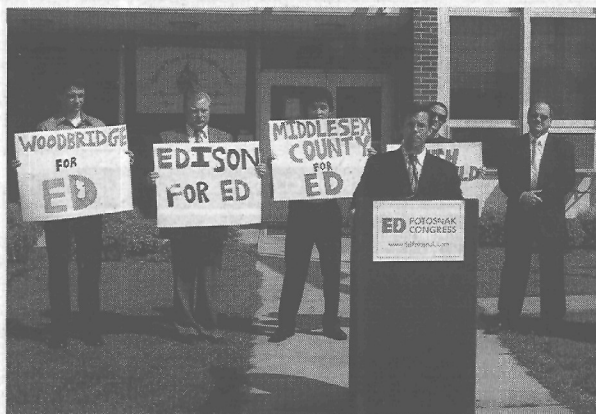
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Three Middlesex County Mayors Endorse Potosnak

On Tuesday, Ed Potosnak, Democratic candidate for New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, received the endorsements of three Middlesex County mayors whose towns lie within the district. Mayor John McCormac of Woodbridge, Mayor Charles Butrico of South Plainfield and Mayor Antonia Ricigliano of Edison extended their support to Potosnak's campaign to be their next Congressman.

Mayor Ricigliano of Edison welcomed Potosnak and the other mayors to her community. "Ed understands that investing in education is an investment in the future success of our economy," said Ricigliano, a former second grade teacher.

Like Potosnak, Mayor Butrico has a professional background in science. Butrico, an executive at Computer Sciences Corporation remarked, "I'm pleased to endorse Ed Potosnak because we share a commitment to enriching New Jersey's economy by nurturing science and technology in our businesses and our schools."

Mayor McCormac of Woodbridge remarked how pleased he was to host

Potosnak's campaign office in his town. McCormac vowed, "I will work hard to bring out my voters for Ed this November."

"I'm grateful for the support of our mayors in Middlesex," said Potosnak. "Their endorsements illustrate the strength of their support and their commitment to turn out the vote on November 2. Middlesex's communities are vital to New Jersey and our nation's economy."

Born and raised in New Jersey, Potosnak put himself through Rutgers to become a scientist and a teacher. Growing up, he worked in his parents' small business, manufacturing lifesaving communications equipment for police officers and emergency responders. Ed taught chemistry for over a decade at Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School and as an adjunct professor at Rutgers. He wrote and researched education policy as an Albert Einstein Distinguished Education Fellow. An entrepreneur and businessman at heart, Potosnak owns a small home repair business and lives in North Plainfield.

Board of Education Announces Appointments

By Libby Barsky

The following appointments were made at the special Board of Education meeting held July 28.

Kathleen Morgan—high school physical education teacher at an annual salary of \$44,996. Morgan was the South Plainfield High School Class of 2005 Valedictorian. She graduated from The College of New Jersey in Ewing with a B.S. degree in health and exercise science. She has served at long term substitute at SPSHS, and as physical education teacher for Natalie Zeno-Carr, who was on maternity leave and whose position this year has been transferred.

Robert Goman III—mathematics teacher at the middle school at a salary of \$44,996, replacing Martin Smith. He holds a B.A. degree in business, organizations and society from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. He has been a baseball instructor at The Academy in Fairfield

since 2009 and taught at H.B. Whitehorn Middle School in Verona.

Elyse Kanaley—expressive arts teacher at the middle school. She replaces Jeffrey Spezio who retired. She graduated in December 2009 with a B.A. degree in fine arts/arts education from Kean University in Union. Since graduating, she has been a substitute teacher in South Plainfield, Piscataway and the Warren School districts.

Jonathan Copeland—mathematics long term substitute at the high school at \$120 a day. He is a temporary replacement for Taryn Decker, who is on a leave of absence. Copeland graduated Seton Hall University in 1993 with a B.S. degree in finance. He has worked for NuVeen Investments, Chicago, Ill. and Merrill Lynch in Jersey City. He has been a substitute teacher at Middlesex County Vocational High School in Piscataway and the South Plainfield Public Schools.

Desiree Sparano—Franklin Elementary School long term substitute

teacher at \$120 a day as a temporary replacement for Tara Fusaro, who is on a leave of absence. She graduated from Rutgers University in New Brunswick in 2005 with a B.A. degree in psychology. She had been a teacher and a longterm substitute at Franklin.

Lindsay Diller—Franklin School long term substitute teacher at \$120 a day, replacing Cristy Moritz who will be on leave. A 2009 graduate of Kean University with a B.A. degree in Early Childhood education, she has substituted in South Plainfield since 2008.

Louana DeLosSantos—Roosevelt Administration Special Education long term substitute teacher at \$120 a day replacing Kristin Redziniak who will be on leave. She graduated from Kean University in January 2010 with a B.A. in elementary education and history. She has been a substitute teacher in South Plainfield and East Brunswick since December 2009.

Jill Reid—special services secretary which she held from January 2010 through June 2010 at an annual salary of \$31,027. Her position is paid for out of Federal ARA funds.

The board has not decided on whether to appoint a replacement for retired middle school secretary, Thia Kirchofer, and tabled the appointment of Carolyn Stallone for a 10-month position. Also, the request for a fourth music teacher by Riley School Principal Al Czech was not approved. Last year, the district had a full time music teacher for each of its four elementary schools. With budget reductions, the board has not replaced Joanne Gurske who retired, and plan to have the three remaining elementary school music teachers rotate their schedules to cover Riley School. Czech pointed out the change in the schedule would leave Riley without a music teacher for two weeks in November, decreasing the amount of music instruction available. Kennedy School music teacher Barbara Habeeb also spoke of the need for each school to have its own music teacher to continue programs in the district, including the LAMP program.

Planning Board Takes Walk To Determine Size of Sign

Members of the South Plainfield Planning Board walked across Plainfield Avenue at its August 10 meeting in order to examine the site at 2449 Plainfield Ave. where a ground sign for Investors Savings Bank will stand. The new bank will open in September according to attorney Clara Harelek.

The board hearing the application of Investors Savings Bank for a variance to enlarge their sign from the requirements of a 4 ft. by 6 ft. width an extra two feet in width to 4 ft. by 8 ft. so the bank's name would be more readable to passing motorists.

Mayor Charles Butrico noted the ordinance sets a consistency to the size of signs in the area and any change would set a precedent for those with longer names to request larger signs.

Borough Planner Les Nebenzahl pointed out that this wasn't an issue of aesthetics but one of safety consid-

erations as Investors Savings Bank adjoins TD Bank, which is located on the corner of a busy intersection. "Would a motorist be able to read the sign and apply brakes to turn into the driveway?" Nebenzahl asked.

After a short discussion, board members went across the street to the site of the proposed sign and compare it to the neighboring TD sign. When members returned from their outside inspection of the site, some had changed their opinion.

Board chair Bob Akerman said, "I have no problem with what they are requesting. They need this size lettering. If they go to a smaller sign, the bushes will grow and obscure it."

Board member Jack Pedersen agreed that the sign was a visibility issue. "With larger letters the sign can be read faster."

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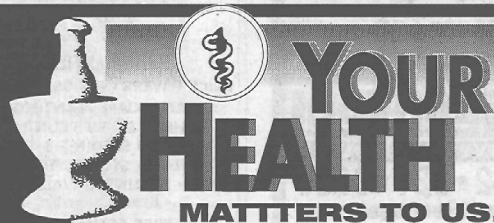
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